Encouraging Enterpreneurship among SC/ST under the New Industrial Policy

2103. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in the new industrial policy to encourage and develop entrepreneurship among the SC/ST population of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Enterpreneurship amongst all including the SC/ST population of the country is encouraged. Industrial Licences are given liberally to all elegible applicants. Under the existing policy, in respect of a number of items there is total delicensing and for most other items delicensing has been extended to investments of Rs. 15 crores and Rs. 50 crores depending on the location of the project.

देश में पिछड़े हुए जिलों की संख्या

2104. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में ऐसे जिलों की संख्या कितनी है, जिन्हे औद्योगिक विकास के प्रयोजनार्थ पिछड़े हुए घोषित किया गया है; और

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन जिलों मे कितने उद्योगों की स्थापना की गयी है, उनमे से कितने उद्योग प्रचालन में हैं, और कितने बन्द हो गए हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) और *(ख)* देश में औद्योगिक रूप से पिछड़े जिलों की संख्या तथा नाम विवरण-I में और पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान, राज्य-वार पिछड़े जिलों को जारी किये गये आशय पत्रों तथा औद्योगिक लाइसेंसों की संख्या विवरण-II में संलग्न है। [**देखिए** परिशिष्ट 154, अनुपत्र सं० 102] आशय पत्र के जारी होने के बाद, औद्योगिक एकक उत्पादन शुरू करने में सामान्यतः दो से तीन वर्ष लेते हैं। केन्द्र द्वारा इन एककों के बंद होने से संबंधित सूचना नहीं रखी जाती है।

Production of Cement by Cement Corporation of India

2105. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of production of cement by the Cement Corporation of India during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet the increasing demand of cement and also to control its price;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more cement factories under the C.C.I. especially in the rural areas, and what are their future expansion programmes; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The production of cement by Cement Corporation of India (CCI) during 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 24.77 lakh tonnes and 27.67 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b) The installed capacity of cement in the organised sector is about 60 million tonnes per annum. This is considered adequate to meet the existing demand in the country. In order to augment availability of cement for meeting the projected increase in the demand, creation of additional capacity is encouraged. An additional capacity of 36.99 million tonnes has already been approved for implementation in the organised sector. The following steps have been taken to bring down the prices of cement:-

(i) Major cement producers have agreed to roll back their ex-stockists prices to the level of 31st March, 1990.

(ii) State Governments Union Territories have been advised to ensure that the prices of cement are maintained at the level and that

the dealers do not indulge in profiteering at the retail level.

(iii) Railway Board has issued instructions for giving priority for movement of cement on an emergent basis on designated routes.

(iv) The behaviour of cement prices and availabilty of wagons for cement transportation are being closely monitored.

(c) and (d) Cement Corporation of India are implementing two plants with a capacity of one million tonne per annum of cement each at Nayagaon (M.P.) and Yerraguntala (A.P.) respectively. During the 8th Plan it is envisaged to set up one new plant with a capacity of one million tonne per annum besides expansion of the capacity of Bokajan (Assam) plant by one lakh tonne per annum. Besides, it is also planned to instal precalcinators in four units of CCI, viz. Akaltara and Nayagaon in Madhya Pradesh and Yerraguntala and Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh. This will increase the capacity of each of these plants by 2 lakh tonnes per annum.

Commissioning of Kathalguri Project

2106. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of Kathalguri Project has been started;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Infrastructure works for the project have been taken in hand and bids have been called for turnkey execution of the generation component of the project. Tenders for the associated transmission lines of length 1096 kms. have been invited, against which a Letter of Intent for the first group of 155 kms. Kathalguri-Mariani transmission line has been issued.

(c) As per the revised schedule, the first gas turbine is programmed to be commissioned in October, 1992 and the project fully completed by January, 1994.

Permission to M/s. Simtools for Manufacturing Machinery for Aerated Waters with Foreign Collaboration

2107. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Simtools have been permitted to make machinery for aerated waters with foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, how much foreign exchange is going to be spent for import of parts and components;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are 3 or 4 manufacturers of these machineries in the small scale sector; and

(d) if so, how much foreign exchange is being spent by the existing manufacturers on imports?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) M/s. Simtools have been permitted foreign collaboration for the manufacture of bottling plants.

(b) The phased manufacturing programme of the company has not yet been approved and the company has not commenced production of bottling plants. The outflow of foreign exchange will be dependent upon the phased manufacturing programme of the company and the volume of production.

(c) According to available information, there are some units in the small scale sector for the manufacture of machineries for aerated water.

(d) Import Licence statistics itemwise/formwise are not centrally maintained. Therefore, amount of foreign exchange